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SUBJECT: RIFT VALLEY FEVER (RVF)

REF: A) CAIRO 14583, B) PRETORIA 3303

1. DEPARTMENT REGRETS THAT THERE APPEARS NO PRACTICAL WAY
USG CAN HELP GOE WITH RVF PROBLEM. WE DO NOT BELIEVE THAT
US COULD OR SHOULD MAKE "STRONG CASE" TO SOUTH AFRICA ON
BEHALF OF EGYPTIANS; WE VERY MUCH DOUBT THAT OUR EFFORTS
WOULD FARE BETTER THAN THOSE OF FAO.

2. HOWEVER UNPALATABLE THEY MAY APPEAR TO BE TO GOE, WE
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SEE FOLLOWING TWO OPTIONS AVAILABLE TO EGYPTIANS:

A. FORMAL MFA APPROACH TO SOUTH AFRICA, VIA APPROPRIATE
DIPLOMATIC CHANNEL. THE ISSUE INVOLVED TRANSCENDS FORMAL
POSITIONS OF THE TWO CONCERNED GOVERNMENTS. THIS APPEARS
TO BE THE MORE PRACTICAL COURSE.

B. BECAUSE SOME BLACK AFRICAN COUNTRIES IN THE PAST HAVE
MANAGED TO MAKE DISCREET ARRANGEMENTS WITH SOUTH AFRICA
SUPPLIERS, GOE MAY PREFER TO MAKE QUIET CONTACTS AT UN OR
LONDON IN AN EFFORT TO ELICIT PRETORIA'S COOPERATION. CHRISTOPHER

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